

# **Pinellas County**

*315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

**2:00 P.M.**

**Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting**

**Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Janet C. Long, Chair  
Kathleen Peters, Vice-Chair  
Dave Eggers  
René Flowers  
Charlie Justice  
Chris Latvala  
Brian Scott*

**ROLL CALL - 2:04 P.M.**

**Present:** 7 - Chair Janet C. Long, Vice-Chair Kathleen Peters, Dave Eggers, René Flowers, Charlie Justice, Chris Latvala, and Brian Scott

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Derelynn Revie, Board Records Manager; and Shirley Westfall, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION by Rev. Fr. Athanasios C. Haros, Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Tarpon Springs.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. National Workforce Development Month Proclamation:  
- Steve Meier, Chief Executive Officer, CareerSource Pinellas

Chair Long read a proclamation recognizing September 2023 as National Workforce Development Month; whereupon, Mr. Meier, CareerSource Board Member Ben Friedman, and Director of Economic Development Dr. Cynthia Johnson provided brief remarks.

Chair Long related that Commissioner Peters wishes to attend the meeting virtually, and Attorney White advised that the Board must vote to allow it.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that Commissioner Peters be allowed to participate virtually. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

**Absent:** 1 - Vice-Chair Peters

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

2. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

Gary Signorelli, Seminole (submitted documents)  
John Hedger, Seminole  
Dennis Ryan, Largo  
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor (submitted documents)  
Greg Pound, Largo

In response to a query by Chair Long regarding Messrs. Signorelli and Hedger's concerns pertaining to an Airbnb property located in Oakhurst Trails, Seminole, Attorney White indicated that the County is preempted by State law from prohibiting Airbnbs in residential zones, but that a local ordinance does allow the County to regulate nuisance factors such as parking and noise; whereupon, Mr. Burton related that the County has an open case involving the subject property.

Chair Long suggested that this issue related to Airbnbs be placed on the agenda for the BCC's next joint meeting with the State delegation.

### **CONSENT AGENDA - Items 3 through 17 (Item No. 6 Deferred)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

#### CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

3. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 13, 2023.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

4. Vouchers and bills paid from July 9 through July 22, 2023.

Period July 9 - July 15, 2023

Accounts Payable - \$22,073,494.81

Payroll - None

Period July 16 - July 22, 2023

Accounts Payable - \$19,247,678.36

Payroll - \$4,300,545.90

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Reports received for filing:

5. Quarterly Donation Listing of \$1,000 or Greater for the quarter ending June 30, 2023.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

6. Updates to the Investment Policy.

**The item was deferred to the September 7 BCC meeting.**

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

7. Affidavit of Publication of Legal Notice published in La Gaceta regarding Notice of Forfeiture of Unclaimed Money pursuant to Section 116.21, Florida Statutes (Circuit/County Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit in and for Pinellas County, Florida).  
**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

### Administrative Services

8. Award of bid to High Sources, Inc. for requirements of janitorial services

Contract No. 23-0320-B awarded in the not-to-exceed amount of \$6,897,115.00 (estimated annual expenditure, \$2,299,038.33) for a 36-month term, on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. This contract replaces Contract No. 167-0450-B.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

### Convention and Visitors Bureau

9. Award of bid to Bay Promo LLC for promotional and novelty items.

Contract No. 23-0605-ITB awarded in a 36-month expenditure not to exceed \$1,130,802.15 (estimated annual expenditure not to exceed \$376,934.05) on the basis of being the lowest responsible, responsive bid received meeting specifications. Contract contains an option for two 12-month renewal periods beyond the primary contract period, as set forth in the Staff Report. This contract replaces Contract No. 178-0007-B.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

### County Administrator

10. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending July 28th, 2023.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

11. Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending June 30, 2023.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Public Works

12. Award of bid to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for 22nd Avenue South (51st Street South - 34th Street South) roadway improvements project.

Contract No. 23-0326-ITB-C (PID No. 000087A) awarded in the amount of \$7,473,287.30, as the one responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 550 consecutive calendar days.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

13. Award of bid to Keystone Excavators, Inc. for Mullet Creek Channel B Erosion Control.

Contract No. 23-0440-ITB-C (PID No. 003894A) awarded in the amount of \$3,389,822.50 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

14. Award of bid to MTM Contractors, Inc. for the 62nd Avenue North and 25th Street North intersection improvement project.

Contract No. 23-0348-ITB-CP (PID No. 002069A) awarded in the amount of \$3,490,172.95 on the basis of being the only fully responsive bid. All work to be completed within 480 consecutive calendar days.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Utilities

15. Award and agreement with Allied Universal Corporation to supply sodium hypochlorite-liquid.

Contract 22-0701-B awarded to Allied Universal Corporation in the not-to-exceed amount of \$7,807,709.28 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. This contract has a term of three years, includes two 24-month term extensions, and replaces another contract.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

16. Joint Project Agreement between Pinellas County Utilities, City of St Pete Beach, and City of South Pasadena for the replacement of a section of a twenty-inch reclaimed water transmission main, adjacent to the Corey Causeway, maintained by the County.

(Project 002936B) Agreement approved. City of St. Pete Beach and City of South Pasadena to pay the County an amount of \$1,161,623.64 and \$277,849.26, respectively. County portion is \$697,829.10 for a total estimated project cost of \$2,137,302.00. The project is complete, and the reimbursements will be receipted to the Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 17. Receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County as delegated to the County Attorney.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

- 18. Interlocal Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office for law enforcement services at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport for Fiscal Year 2024.

Agreement approved in the amount of \$1,622,688.00 for a one-year term commencing October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Justice, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Convention and Visitors Bureau

- 19. Fiscal Year 2024 Elite Event funding recommendations from the Tourist Development Council, including a waiver of the program’s \$2 million funding cap under the Tourist Development Plan.

Recommendations approved to fund the following Fiscal Year 2024 Elite Events for a cumulative total maximum expenditure of \$2,045,000.00, as delineated in the Staff Report:

- Valspar Championship
- Baystar Clearwater Offshore Nationals
- St. Pete Pride
- The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
- St. Petersburg P1 Powerboat Grand Prix
- Clearwater Beach Day & ReliaQuest Bowl
- Clearwater Jazz Holiday
- Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival
- Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival

St. Pete Bike Fest  
Enchant Christmas St. Petersburg  
Dunedin Highland Games  
Festivals of Speed  
St. Pete Run Fest  
Publix Rock 'n' Roll Running Series Clearwater  
Reggae Rise Up  
15th Annual Sanding Ovations  
St. Pete Tacos & Tequila Festival  
St. Pete Bacon & BBQ Festival  
30th Annual Fall King of the Beach  
2024 John's Pass Seafood Festival  
31st Annual Spring King of the Beach  
Localtopia  
SHINE St. Petersburg Mural Festival  
St. Pete Fall Fest & Pumpkin Patch  
The Fourth  
NYE on the Pier  
Holiday Lights in the Gardens  
Orange County Choppers Invitational Bike Builder Show  
Piertoberfest  
Shopapalooza Festival  
First Night St. Petersburg  
Tampa Bay Ice Cream Festival  
St. Pete Pier LIVE

Commissioner Justice made a motion to approve the 2024 Elite Event funding recommendations.

Responding to queries by the members, Interim President & CEO of Visit St. Pete/Clearwater (VSPC) Brian Lowack discussed the purpose of the Elite Event program and related that the Clearwater Beach Day and ReliaQuest Bowl did not meet the criteria for Category One funding since the Beach Day will not be nationally broadcast.

Continuing, Mr. Lowack provided information regarding the 2024 MLK Dream Big Parade, noting that it did not receive the minimum score of 70 to be considered for funding based on the marketing and economic benefit data provided; that previous program funding awarded for the event was not used for marketing the destination, but for hotel room expenses; and that staff recommended alternative funding through a different VSPC incentive program.

Commissioner Flowers emphasized the importance of the MLK event and requested that he Board consider funding it. Discussion ensued regarding approval of funding for the 2024 MLK Dream Big Parade, and Mr. Lowack noted that staff's recommendation includes a waiver of the program's \$2 million threshold.

Attorney White advised that the motion include a waiver of the \$2 million funding cap and a waiver of the criteria for the MLK event to properly approve the item as desired by the Board; whereupon, Commissioner Justice withdrew his previous motion.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved as directed by staff, with the stipulation of waiving the criteria for the 2024 MLK Dream Big Parade event. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

### County Administrator

- 20.** Municipal Services Taxing Unit funding for the YMCA of the Suncoast, Inc. for the replacement of the sunshade structure at the Ridgecrest YMCA game field.

Funding request approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$15,950.00.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

### Housing & Community Development

- 21.** Affordable Housing Program project funding recommendation for Founders Point by Pinellas Affordable Living, Inc.

Recommendation approved for funding in the not-to-exceed amount of \$665,816.00 for a 15-unit housing rental development for households with special needs and earning 60% or less of the area median income. County Administrator authorized to negotiate and approve the terms, conditions, and final funding amount not to exceed the BCC approved amount. Staff will complete additional due diligence activities, as set forth in the Staff Report.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Justice, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott



22. Resolution adopting the Downtown Palm Harbor Streetscape and Parking Strategic Action Plan identifying future improvements in the greater Downtown Palm Harbor area.

Resolution No. 23-60 approved.

Responding to the Chair's call for public comment, David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, appeared and expressed his concerns.

Upon request by Commissioner Eggers for a presentation, Long Range Planning Manager Scott Swearngen referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Streetscape and Parking Strategic Action Plan* and pointed out that the plan originates from the Downtown Palm Harbor Master Plan adopted by the Board in 2020; that it is incorporated into PLAN Pinellas, the County's Comprehensive Plan; and that it includes ten recommended targeted efforts to improve the pedestrian experience in downtown Palm Harbor with additional amenities, including lighting, signage, wayfinding benches, and bike racks, and explores solutions to parking issues; whereupon, he provided further information regarding the plan, including incorporating potential infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Swearngen indicated that staff would be exploring funding opportunities from state, federal, and various other sources to advance the projects. Commissioner Scott related that Secretary of State Cord Byrd designated Palm Harbor Main Street as the Florida Main Street Program of the Month, and Commissioner Eggers provided comments in support of the resolution.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Justice, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

### Management and Budget

23. Pinellas Community Foundation's recommendation to award grant funding for the highest ranked applicants for the second round of small capital purchases funded by the American Rescue Plan Act Nonprofit Capital Project Fund.

Recommendation to award several nonprofit organizations approved in the amount of \$2,250,000.00.

Commissioner Flowers commented that she is particularly excited about funding the Neighborly Care Network, Ready for Life, Ronald McDonald House, Advantage Village Academy, and Preserve Vision Florida, Inc., noting that all of the organizations recommended for funding are important in helping the community.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Justice, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Parks and Conservation Resources

24. Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to negotiate for the purchase of property adjacent to Mariner's Point Management Area in an amount not to exceed \$1.5M in County funding and authorizing the County Administrator to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary for the effectuation thereof, including but not limited to a funding agreement with the West Klosterman Preservation Group (WKPG), Inc. for a contribution of \$1.5M, and a purchase and sale agreement with Pinellas County School Board in an amount not to exceed \$3.0M; County Administrator's approval of both the funding agreement and purchase and sale agreement are subject to Board ratification.

Resolution No. 23-61 adopted granting the specified authorizations to the County Administrator.

Responding to the Chair's call for public comment, Tex Carter, Tarpon Springs, noted that he is President of WKPG, expressed support for the resolution, and thanked the commissioners and staff for their partnership on this project.

Commissioners Latvala, Eggers, and Flowers thanked those involved, including Mr. Burton, Parks and Conservation Resources Director Paul Cozzie, Mr. Carter, and staff, for their hard work on this project.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Public Works

25. Award of bid to Preferred Materials, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2024-2026 Countywide Pavement Preservation.

Contract No. 23-0496-ITB-C awarded in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$21,231,025.00 for a duration of 730 consecutive calendar days.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

26. Funding Agreement between the County, City of St. Petersburg, and Power Design Inc. for the design and construction of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street North and 116th Avenue North.

Agreement approved for a total project cost in the not-to-exceed amount of \$900,000.00 to be shared by the three parties as set forth in the Staff Report. County portion of design and construction cost is \$382,500.00.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Justice, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Solid Waste

27. Annual certificate of the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal District Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll.

Certificate approved for the assessment roll period through December 31, 2023. Chairman authorized to certify the roll to the Tax Collector prior to September 15, 2023. The assessment fee is \$18.00 per month per unit through December 31, 2023.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Utilities

28. Award of bid to Archer Western Construction, LLC for the construction of the South Cross Bayou Advanced Water Reclamation Facility Denitrification Rehabilitation and Dewatering Improvements Projects.

Contract No. 23-0609-ITB-C awarded in the not-to-exceed amount of \$26,589,000.00. All work must be completed within 1,100 consecutive calendar days from issuance of notice to proceed.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Justice, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

29. Purchase authorization with Federal Contract Corp. for four multiquip generators.

Contract No. 23-0547-PB approved authorizing the Utilities Department to purchase four multiquip generators for a total expenditure amount of \$357,791.68, effective through September 30, 2023.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

- 30.** Submission of two Utilities Department Resilient Florida grant applications to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Submission of grant applications approved for Utilities Building Hardening and Mobile Home Park Wastewater Collection System Improvements for a total requested amount of \$12,310,000.00. County match is \$12,310,000.00. Funding is derived from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Utilities Enterprise Fund.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 31.** County Attorney Reports  
- PACE Policy Proposal

Attorney White provided information regarding a PACE legislative policy proposal put forward by Palm Beach County, noting that the proposal aligns with the Board's previous discussions and the County's litigation on the matter; and that the members may vote to express their support of the policy proposal to the Florida Association of Counties if they so choose; whereupon, she indicated that a copy of the policy proposal would be distributed to the members and the Clerk.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the Board support Palm Beach County's PACE legislative policy proposal. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 32.** County Administrator Reports  
-Sidewalk Repair Project (Video)

Mr. Burton provided an update on the County's sidewalk repair project, noting that the Board previously approved funding to raise the County's level of service for sidewalk maintenance; and that over 580 repairs were completed ahead of the two-year deadline given to staff; whereupon, he displayed a video highlighting staff's efforts and related that the County is now able to keep up with sidewalk maintenance to hopefully prevent a backlog of requests in the future. Chair Long extended a special thank you and expressed appreciation to all involved staff.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

**33. County Commission New Business:**

Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

The Commissioners provided updates regarding their assigned boards and committees and discussed various issues, as follows:

Commissioner Latvala

- Thanked intern Alex Tool
- Lyla Goode Foundation Fundraiser update
- Homeless Empowerment Program facility tour
- Congratulations to Jeff Parish, Senior Pastor at Indian Rocks Baptist Church, on his retirement, and best wishes to new Pastor Aaron Filippone

Commissioner Eggers

- Dunedin Purple Heart ceremony
- Congratulations to Gene Coppola, Palm Harbor Library Director on his retirement
- New Rita's Italian Ice location in Palm Harbor
- Charter Review Commission
- Decommissioning of City of Dunedin old City Hall
- Palm Harbor Happenings group comments

Commissioner Scott

- HCA Florida Largo West Hospital and Medical Examiner's Office tours
- Ride along with Lealman Fire Department
- Thank you to Louise Goetz for her hard work getting the Main Street Program revived in downtown Palm Harbor

Commissioner Flowers

- 2024 Resiliency and Sustainability Conference
- County grant application for hardening of stormwater areas
- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council updates and new members
- Re-establishment of the Resiliency Planning Committee
- Florida Automated Vehicles Summit

Commissioner Justice

- Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas

- Dunedin Purple Heart ceremony
- St. Petersburg Free Clinic tour
- Remembrance of Dave Healey, former Executive Director of the Pinellas Planning Council, and condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues
- Happy Birthday to St. Petersburg Mayor Ken Welch

#### Chair Long

- Forward Pinellas Board membership expansion and local event
- Pinellas Police Standards Council
- St. Petersburg Palladium Theater tour
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Direct Payment Program
- Congratulations to Commissioner Flowers on reappointment to Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board of Directors
- Mayor's Council Executive Committee
- Congratulations to PSTA on American Public Transportation Association award

#### Vice-Chair Peters

- Belated Happy Birthday to the U.S. Coast Guard

Attorney White acknowledged the consensus of the members to reappoint Commissioner Flowers to the PSTA Board and suggested that a formal vote be taken.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

**Meeting Recessed: 4:02 P.M.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 6:02 P.M.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**All public hearing items have been properly advertised. Affidavits of Publication have been received and are on file in the Board Records Department.**

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

#### Countywide Planning Authority

**34.** Ordinance amending the Countywide Plan (second public hearing).

Ordinance No. 23-14 adopted approving the amendments. Forward Pinellas, in its role as Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the amendments to the Countywide Plan, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Human Rights**35.** Ordinance amending Pinellas County Code Chapter 70, Article V, relating to the county Council for Persons with Disabilities, providing alternates for non-board appointed members, providing for a lower quorum, and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance No. 23-15 adopted approving the amendment. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**36.** Case No. LDR-22-01

An ordinance of Pinellas County, Florida, providing for the amendment of Chapter 134 - General and Administrative Provisions, Chapter 138 - Zoning, Chapter 154 - Site Development, Right-of-Way Improvements, Subdivisions, and Platting, and Chapter 158 - Floodplain Management of the Pinellas County Land Development Code. (Legislative)

First public hearing held. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Attorney White related that staff from the County Attorney's Office have been working with staff in the Building and Development Review Services Department to ensure compliance with Senate Bill 250; and that, since this is only the first public hearing, the Board is only required to take public comment and authorize transmittal of the ordinance to the State for review; whereupon, she provided information regarding the proposed amendments.

**37. Case No. LDR-23-02**

An ordinance of Pinellas County, Florida, providing for the amendment of Chapter 138 - Zoning of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, providing revised authority and meeting notice procedures for the Development Review Committee. (Legislative)

First public hearing held. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

**38. Petition of Arthur M Vinson and Evelyn Washer to vacate the 40 foot Right of Way of Anclote Boulevard per plat, also known as Riverside Avenue, lying southwesterly of and adjacent to lots 25 through 28 (1298 Riverside Avenue and 1275 Mickler Lane), Gladys Mickler's Resubdivision, plat book 5, Page 72, Lying in Section 03-27-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative)**

Resolution No. 23-62 adopted granting the petition. Letters of no objection have been received from the appropriate parties. All interested individuals have been notified as to the date of the public hearing. One letter in support has been received by the Clerk.

Upon call for citizen comment, Brian Aungst Jr., Clearwater, indicated that he is available for questions from the Board.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

**39. Petition of Brenda Bond to vacate a portion of right-of-way known as San Merino Boulevard, lying adjacent to the westerly boundary of Lot 1 (10900 Gandy Boulevard North), Block 3, Florida Riviera section 'D' Plat No. 5, P.B. 17, PG. 37, Lying in Section 17-30-17, Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative)**

Resolution No. 23-63 adopted granting the petition. Letters of no objection have been received from the appropriate parties, and Duke Energy has no objection contingent upon the retention of an easement over the petitioned area. All interested individuals have been notified as to the date of the public hearing. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

**40. Petition of Hawkins Family Partnership, LLC, a Florida Limited Partnership company, to vacate a 16-foot platted alley lying north of Lot 23 and the east ½ of Lot 22 and lying south of Lot 10 and the east ½ of Lot 11 (5326 34th Street North), and a 16-foot public alley easement lying within the east 1.5 feet of lot 22 and the west 14.5 feet of lot 23, Block 4, First Section Lellman Heights, Plat Book 14, page 15, lying in Section 03-31-16, Pinellas County, Florida.**

Resolution No. 23-64 adopted granting the petition. Letters of no objection have been received from the appropriate parties. All interested individuals have been notified as to the date of the public hearing. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.



In response to a query by Commissioner Flowers, Building and Development Review Services Project Manager Michael Schoderbock related that the name on the plat is spelled correctly.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

**41. Case No. ZON-23-04 (Pinellas County/Baywood Hotels)**

A request for a zoning change from Employment-2 (E-2) and, General Retail and Services (C-2) to General Retail and Services- Transient Accommodation Overlay (C-2-C-T) (2.78 acres) and from E-2 to C-2 (0.74 acre), with a Development Agreement as required by the Transient Accommodation Overlay on the C-2-C-T portion of the subject property allowing a hotel and its customary accessory uses that comply with the building density/intensity and height allowed by the property's land use and zoning designations, on approximately 3.52 acres located near the northeast corner of Roosevelt Boulevard and Ulmerton Road, adjacent to the west of 4011 Ulmerton Road, in unincorporated Pinellas Park. (Quasi-Judicial)

Resolution No. 23-65 adopted approving the zoning change. The Local Planning Agency approved the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

At the request of Commissioner Scott, Zoning Manager Glenn Bailey referred to a PowerPoint presentation containing maps and photographs and provided information regarding the subject property and surrounding areas and proposed zoning amendment. He noted that the property is currently vacant; and that the development agreement would allow up to a six-story, 132-room hotel and its accessory uses.

In response to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Bailey indicated that 40th Street North would be the only way to access the proposed hotel.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

**42. Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code, by removing the Tenant's Bill of Rights, removing Sections 42-432, 42-433, 42-434, 42-435, 42-436, 42-437, and 42-438.**

Ordinance No. 23-16 adopted approving the amendment. No correspondence has been received, and no citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to a query by Chair Long, Attorney White related that the ordinance is being repealed because the County has been preempted by the State of Florida; and that the regulations outlined in the Tenant's Bill of Rights are no longer lawful at the local government level; whereupon, Commissioner Flowers indicated that similar ordinances adopted in other municipalities within the county will also be repealed.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

43. Resolution and ordinance approving a one-year extension of the Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment Area and Redevelopment Trust Fund.

Resolution No. 23-66 adopted, extending the existence of the Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) to October 6, 2024, pursuant to Florida Statutes 163.3755 and 163.361; and Ordinance No. 23-17 adopted amending Pinellas County Code Section 38-66 providing for a one-year extension of the corresponding Redevelopment Trust Fund. No correspondence has been received, and no citizens appeared to be heard.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Safety Harbor CRA Extension*, Housing and Community Development Strategic Initiatives Manager Rebecca Stonefield provided background information regarding the item, indicating that the original City of Safety Harbor CRA was founded in 1992 on a 30-year term which was set to expire on October 6, 2022; that the Board approved a one-year extension in 2022 to allow the City to update the Community Redevelopment Plan; and that the City is requesting another one-year extension to finalize information in the plan related to the County's Tax Increment Financing payments. In response to queries by the members, she related that if this extension is approved, the City will come back with an eight-year extension request.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

44. Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code, Chapter 122, related to the County Towing Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 23-18 adopted approving the amendments, adjusting the maximum tow rate schedule, clarifying definitions, and updating agency contact information and guidelines for tow operators. One letter of concern has been received.

Commissioner Flowers made a motion to approve the amendment. Upon the Chair's call for public comment, the following individuals appeared and expressed concern regarding the increase in service expenses and lack of rate increases:

Justin Heller, St. Petersburg (submitted documents)

Mike Seamon, Orlando

Marson Johnson, Jr., St. Petersburg

Discussion ensued wherein Consumer Protection Section Manager Doug Templeton appeared and responded to comments and queries by the members and provided an overview of the proposed rates and fees in comparison to those of surrounding counties, indicating that Consumer Protection conducts reviews on an ongoing basis to maintain competitive rates; that staff has worked to balance industrywide cost increases against the ability of consumers to absorb these impacts amidst many other economic stressors; and that adding new fees would require an ordinance amendment, whereas a resolution can be used for increases in existing fees; whereupon, Commissioner Scott seconded Commissioner Flowers' motion.

Following additional discussion, Commissioner Flowers amended her motion to include that staff bring back a report in a year for reconsideration of the potential for adjusted compensation, and Commissioner Scott concurred.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

- 45. Resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget for unanticipated revenue for Emergency Communications E911 System, Opioid Abatement, and Street Lighting District Funds. Realign appropriation from various reserves and an American Rescue Plan Act project for unanticipated expenditures in various Offices and Departments.

Resolution No. 23-67 adopted. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Office of Management and Budget Director Chris Rose, with input from Mr. Burton and Attorney White, provided information regarding the realignment of \$1,230,850.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund to the General Fund to be appropriated to personnel services expenditures for Safety and Emergency Services, in order to free up General Fund dollars for the purchase of the Florida Dream Center. He indicated that it is recommended to use ARPA funds for Safety and Emergency Services, rather than for the Dream Center purchase out of an abundance of caution pertaining to the allowable usage of ARPA funds.

Commissioner Eggers expressed continued confusion regarding the ARPA fund realignment and indicated that he is not in support of the item.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Eggers

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:12 P.M.**

*Janet C. Long*  
Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Dee Lynn Lewis*  
Deputy Clerk

